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TURKEYS

Numbers Raised - 1970

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Turkeys raised in 1970 are expected to total 115.0 million birds, 8 percent above 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. More turkeys are expected in all regions. In the West North Central region, Minnesota-Wisconsin, expects an 11 percent increase and Iowa 7 percent more, while Missouri expects to raise 4 percent fewer turkeys in 1970. In the South Atlantic and South Central regions expected increases in the more important producing States, range from 7 percent in South Carolina to 40 percent in Georgia. Texas will raise 19 percent more than a year earlier. No change is expected in North Carolina. In the East North Central region, expected increases are 36 percent in Indiana, 20 percent in Illinois and 8 percent in Ohio. California in the Western region will raise a 4 percent larger crop than in 1969, while Oregon shows an increase of 21 percent.

Heavy breed turkeys raised in 1970 are expected to total 102.8 million compared with 94.9 million last year, an increase of 8 percent. Light breed turkeys raised during 1970 are estimated at 12.2 million birds, 8 percent above the 11.3 million raised during 1969.

Turkey poults hatched during the period September 1969 through July 1970 was 7 percent above the corresponding period a year earlier. Compared with a year earlier, increases occurred during all months except September and October. The decreases were 22 percent in September and 23 percent in October. The increases ranged from 3 percent in June to 38 percent in December. Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 1970 were up 33 percent.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED ON FARMS

State	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total All Breeds		
	: 1970 as :			: 1970 as :			: 1970 as :		
	1969	1970	% of	1969	1970	% of	1969	1970	% of
	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :	: 1969 :
	1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent		1,000 head	Percent	
New Hampshire	28	21	75	3	3	100	31	24	77
Massachusetts	201	209	104	20	15	75	221	224	101
Rhode Island	12	12	100	0	0	---	12	12	100
Connecticut	104	97	93	7	3	43	111	100	90
New York	358	264	74	54	41	76	412	305	74
Maine, Vermont & New Jersey 1/	124	117	94	9	8	89	133	125	94
Pennsylvania	1,678	1,913	114	250	325	130	1,928	2,238	116
Ohio	3,429	3,600	105	498	642	129	3,927	4,242	108
Indiana	3,515	4,780	136	107	161	150	3,622	4,941	136
Illinois	658	783	119	14	22	157	672	805	120
Michigan	825	858	104	62	70	113	887	928	105
Minnesota & Wisconsin	13,844	15,980	115	5,873	5,849	100	19,717	21,829	111
Iowa	5,730	6,074	106	48	91	190	5,778	6,165	107
Missouri	7,934	7,458	94	54	248	460	7,988	7,706	96
North Dakota	764	924	121	135	189	140	899	1,113	124
South Dakota	450	428	95	644	689	107	1,094	1,117	102
Nebraska	701	624	89	10	2	20	711	626	88
Kansas	357	325	91	3	1	33	360	326	91
Delaware	21	5	24	129	108	84	150	113	75
Maryland	88	43	49	7	1	14	95	44	46
Virginia	3,381	3,516	104	804	1,037	129	4,185	4,553	109
West Virginia	455	382	84	222	233	105	677	615	91
North Carolina	8,101	8,101	100	1,318	1,344	102	9,419	9,445	100
South Carolina	2,540	2,718	107	---	0	---	2,540	2,718	107
Georgia	1,631	2,283	140	4	0	---	1,635	2,283	140
Kentucky	58	82	141	0	0	---	58	82	141
Tennessee	15	10	67	0	0	---	15	10	67
Alabama	627	13	2	13	11	85	640	24	4
Mississippi	40	24	60	1	1	100	41	25	61
Arkansas	2/	2/	---	2/	2/	---	6,661	7,241	109
Louisiana	6	3	50	0	0	---	6	3	50
Oklahoma	2/	2/	---	2/	2/	---	1,340	1,347	101
Texas	6,963	8,216	118	62	134	216	7,025	8,350	119
Colorado	2,439	2,878	118	3	2	67	2,442	2,880	118
Arizona	3/	45	---	3/	25	---	3/	70	---
Utah	3,208	3,689	115	1	2	200	3,209	3,691	115
Nevada	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Washington	390	425	109	184	178	97	574	603	105
Oregon	2/	2/	---	2/	2/	---	1,796	2,178	121
California	14,768	15,506	105	226	79	35	14,994	15,585	104
Other States 4/	91	138	152	133	180	135	224	318	142
United States	94,915	102,804	108	11,320	12,200	108	106,235	115,004	108

1/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ Data for Arizona for 1969, combined with Other States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico and Florida. Estimates are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.